

Re: NAB petition 04-160:

I am an XM Radio subscriber. I decided to pay for a service, which up until now was traditionally free, because I was bored with the repetitive programming offered by local radio stations. They all play the same songs over and over, and it seems at the same times of the day. When I drive my car to work, it is almost a guarantee what songs I will hear on the radio. I then changed to a "NEW" radio station. After a while, it was the same pattern of songlists.

Along came XM Radio. After about a year or so, I finally opened my wallet and after the moths all flew away, I purchased radio broadcasting. WOW! I have always had a broad range of interest, and my musical interest changes from time to time. From POP to Classical, Dance, Freestyle, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's it's all there!!! Finally, something for everybody. Since I don't listen to local stations anymore, I was extremely pleased to learn that XM would now provide local broadcasting of Traffic and Weather. Over 20 channels that cover this broad nation. ALL AT NO ADDITIONAL COST!!!

I am now disheartened to learn that your Commission is considering a petition from the NAB # 04-160, to prevent XM and other satellite radio broadcasters from being able to provide a vital service such as this. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM and other satellite radio broadcasters ability to provide the kind of programming that I and millions of others demand and deserve. I will also be contacting my Representatives in Congress to oppose HR 4026.

Thank you,

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